was a agitation in Jamia Millia Islamia following a judgement of Delhi High Court striking down certain reservations in admissions. The demand raised was to bring about certain amendments in Jamia Millia Islamia Act to emphasize its distinctive historical character. As the questions relating to grant of minority status to educational institutions, including Universities, are currently subjudice before an 11-Judge Bench of the Supreme Court, a decision on these issues by the Government would not be possible at this stage.

Sports Policy

1179. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had given concrete shape to the draft sports policy which had remained on paper since 1984;

(b) whether Government have circulated the draft new National Sports Policy to all States, if so, what is the reaction thereto (State-wise) particularly on bringing sports in concurrent list;

(c) whether Government have created a national Sports Development Fund, if so, how much amount Centre will contribute and how much fund Government are expecting from other sources; and

(d) whether New Policy is likely to be placed before Parliament during monsoon session for approval?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) taking into consideration various views expressed from time to time, it has been decided to revise the Sports Policy and take specific steps for Promotion of Sports.

(b) Yes, Sir. 16 States have endorsed the proposal for bringing sports in the Concurrent list. These States are Bihar, Kerala, Meghalaya, Goa, Sikkim, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Tripura, Haryana, Maharashtra, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Manipur.

The matter is being pursued with other 10 States, who have either not agreed to or have not responded to the proposal.

(c) No, Sir. Proposal for creation of a Sports Development Fund is under consideration of the Government.

(d) No, Sir.

The draft new national Sports Policy has been circulated to all State governments, National Sports Federations, Sports Authority of India, Indian Olympic Association and other concerned for their comments. It will take some time to analyse the comments and finalise the sports policy.

Mahila Samridhi Yojana

1180. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item entitled 'Launched with fanfare, many Government schemes ended up as farce' appeared in the Times of India dated 16th May, 1997;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes poorly implemented or not implemented at all by Government;

(c) whether the matter has been examined in detail at his level; and

(d) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no such scheme. Basically the news-item which has been referred to in part (a) of the question is about Mahila Samridhi Yojana (MSY). The scheme is being recast due to high operational cost.

(c) and (d) The scheme was examined in detail at Ministry and Planning Commission level. The High-Power Committee constituted by the Planning